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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"

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15/02/2013: Mike, VA3MW, will get to enjoy the sun on the island of Bequia, The Grenadines (NA-025), and will sign J8/VA3MW between 15-19 February 2013. QRV on 20 and 15 with 100 watts and a dipole. If 6m happens to open, Mike will figure out something to get on the air! QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [VA3MW]

15/02/2013: Joe, K5KUA, will once again operate portable from Galveston Island (NA-143, USi TX001S), Gulf of Mexico, Galveston county, Texas, from 15-17 February 2013. QRV on the HF bands, holiday style. QSL direct or via bureau to K5KUA. [rsqbiota.org]

15/02/2013: From 15-18 January 2013, operators Olof G0CKV, Kazu JK3GAD, Seppo OH1VR and Oliver W6NV will be active as M5E from Marconi's historical trans-Atlantic test site, Cornwall, England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841). QRV on all HF bands and modes. Commemorative QSL for ARRL DX CW Contest contacts! QSL manager will be Olof, G0CKV. [NG3K]

15/02/2013: Hans, OE3NHW, is signing OA6Q again from Arequipa (WW Loc. FH43FO), Peru, using a TS-480HX, 5 band Spiderbeam and G5RV on HF until April 2013. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DXNL]

15/02/2013: John, W2GD, has planned a last minute trip and will be active once again as P40W from near Santa Cruz, island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033). His main focus will be an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February). Note: 160M on the hour and 80m on the half hour. Some pre/post contest WARC operation also. QSL via LoTW preferred. [NG3K]

15/02/2013: Joeke, PA0VDV will be active again as PJ2/PA0VDV from the island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) from 15 February to 22 March 2013. He will operate CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

15/02/2013: Look for Andrew, VK4NM and Peter, VK4LAT to be active as VK4NM/p from Fraser Island (OC-142, WFF VKFF-216, WLOTA 2976), Queensland, Australia, between 15-18 February 2013. QRV on 80-10 metres. Emphasis on high bands as they usually are only activate in the winter when 10m activity is low. QSL goes via M00X0. [rsqbiota.org]

15/02/2013: Operators Rudi DK7PE, Juergen DH6ICE, Juergen DH0RAK, Bernhard DK7TF and Zik DK8ZZ from the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club (DL0DLH) will be active as XV2DLH from Mui Ne village, Vietnam, between 15-26 February 2013. QRV on the HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital (PSK, RTTY) modes. QSL via DK8ZZ, direct or DARC bureau. [DX World]

15/02/2013: YB6AR and several other operators will be active as homecall/p from Pulau Bunta (claimed for IOTA group OC-245, WLOTA 2390) on 15-17 February 2013. They plan to be QRV on 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 metre SSB and RTTY. QSL direct to home calls. [425 DX News]

16/02/2013: The Guantanamo Bay ARC station (NA-015, WLOTA 0358) suffered extensive damages when hurricane Sandy hit Cuba. Ed KN4KL/KG4KL (16-23 February)

and Bill, W4WV/KG4WV (17 February-1 March) will be there to "get all antennas fixed and the shack back in operating condition". They plan to be QRV "as time permits after repairs are completed". QSL via home calls. [425 DX News]

17/02/2013: Look for Michel, F6GWV and Gildas, F6HMQ to be active as T022C from the island of Guadeloupe (NA-102, DIF0 FG-001, WFF FFF-004, WLOTA 0644) between 17 February and 3 March 2013. Plans are to be QRV on all bands with focus on 160m. QSL via F6HMQ [DX World]

18/02/2013: Phil, G3SWH and Jim, G3RTE will be active as H44KW from Guadalcanal [Honiara] (WLOTA 0086, Grid Loc. RI00), Solomon Islands (OC-047), 18-28 February 2013. They will operate CW only on 80-10 metres; plans are to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. QSL via G3SWH, direct or bureau (OQRS for both direct and bureau cards can be found Phil's website). More information and updates at: www.g3swh.org.uk/h44kw.html [425 DX News]

20/02/2013: Werner, DJ9KH plans to be active from the Kingdom of Tonga between 20 February and 3 March 2013. He will be QRV on the HF bands from Tongatapu island (OC-049) as A31WH on 13-23 February and from Vava'u island (OC-064) as A31WH/p from 24 February to 2 March. QSL via home call, direct or via the DARC bureau. Website: www.tonga2013.de/ [DX World]

20/02/2013: Tom, N1GN and Bill, NE1B will once again be active as C6ANM from Nassau (Gambier Village), New Providence Island (NA-001, WLOTA 1115, WW Loc. FL15GB), Bahamas, between 20 February and 3 March. They will participate in the CQWW 160-M SSB Contest (22-24 February) as a Multi-Single entry from CQ zone 8. Operations all bands and modes before contest. They will then be joined by Mike, N1IW and Paul, K1VK for a Multi-Multi entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March). Operations all bands and modes before contest. QSL C6ANM via LoTW preferred, or direct to WA2IY0. [NG3K]

20/02/2013: John, W5JON, will once again be operating from their Calypso Bay vacation home, island of St. Kitts (NA-104, WW Loc. FK87PG), from 20 February until 21 March 2013. QRV 160-6 metre SSB (incl. 60m). Also operation in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (2-3 March), Single-Op/All-Band. Radio: Kenwood TS-590S, and SB200 Amplifier. Antennas: Dipoles, and S9, 31' Vertical; 6m - 3el Yagi. ALL QSL's to John's home call: W5JON (QRZ.com). Also LoTW. [425 DX News]

20/02/2013: Christina, WD8MUR (VP2MUR) and Jack, KB8RJ (VP2MRS) will be operating from Gingerbread Hill, island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475, WW Loc. FK86VS) between 20 February and 14 March 2013 using mostly SSB. Look for them on 80m to 10m. QSL both calls via KB8RJ. [DX World]

20/02/2013: Look for Manuel, CE2UNE, to be active as XR2BH on 20-24 February 2013 from the Puerto Aldea (Caleta Hornilla) lighthouse (NAC 133, ARLHS CHI-110, Admiralty G1896.20) for the "Weekend South American Lighthouses" (22-24 February). The beacon is located in Tongoy Bay, near the village of Puerto Aldea, Elqui Province, Coquimbo Region, Chile (WW Loc. FF49EQ). QSL XR2BH via CE2AA (QRZ.com). [CE3FZL]

20/02/2013: Dick, WN3R, will be active once again on all HF bands and modes from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA 1042) as ZF2RW between 20-26 February 2013. QSL direct to his home call (QRZ.com). [DXAT]

21/02/2013: Look for members of the Radiogrupo Sur, Uruguay, to be active as CV5A from Isla de Flores (SA-030) and lighthouse (RGS CX-104, ARLHS URU-001, TWLHD WLH CX-001, WLOTA LH-0528, Admiralty G0690, WW Loc. GF25AB), located in the Montevideo Department, from 21-24 February 2013. Operators include Lupo CX6ABC, Daniel CX9LAU, Pedro CX5BW, Claudio CX4DX, Julian CX5BE, Hugo CX1ABB,

Jorge CX6DAP, Carlos CX1BE, Daniel CX1BC, Pablo CX1ABR, Oscar CX1CW, Ricardo CX6ACY and Lupo CX2ABC. This activity will be for South American Lighthouses Weekend, with the team being QRV on 160-6 metres, all modes. QSL via CX2ABC direct only. For more details and updates, see: www.radiogruposur.org/
[Radiogruposur]

21/02/2013: Members of the Palos Verdes ARC, namely Ray N6HE, Jeff K6JW, Joe NZ6L, Clay AB9A, Diana AI6DF, Bill KG6WVF, Dan K6DPY, Steve K6NT and Bob W6HIP will be active as K6PV/6 from Santa Catalina Island (NA-066, USi CA016S, WLOTA 2912, Los Angeles County), California, from 21-24 February, 2013. Activity could be CQWW 160-M SSB Contest .. NAQP RTTY Contest .. 80-40-20-17?-15-12?-10M SSB, CW, maybe RTTY. Their focus is to have fun. QSL via K6PV (see QRZ.com).
[rsgrbiota]

21/02/2013: Mike, WB7DXA, will be active as V63DXA in Micronesia between 21 February and 21 March 2013. While there, he plans to operate from the islands of Kosrae (OC-059, WLOTA 1569), Pohnpei (OC-010) and possibly Mokil and Pingelap Atolls (OC-226). Mike is sailing on a boat with a marine radio. The captain believes it works on 20 metres and possibly some additional bands. He isn't a ham so he can't try it out. So Mike is hoping that it works out when he gets there. As it stands he arrives into Kosrae on February 23rd. Then leave Pohnpei on March 22nd. He plans to operate from Kosrae for about a week and then on to the Atolls (OC-226) on the way to Pohnpei, but it all depends on WX and other factors. As far as bands, he thinks 20 meters phone is what he is looking to operate mostly. Mike will bring a key for CW just in case he can get it going. The other bands will need to be determined after he gets there. Mike plans on using LoTW as the primary QSL vehicle, but you can send cards direct to him or by the bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

21/02/2013: The Italian DXpediton Team have announced their next DXpedition will be to Ouagadougou (WW Loc. IK92FI), Burkina Faso, between 21 February and 06 March 2013. Plans are to be QRV on 160-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY, using the callsign XT2TT. Team members include Alfeo I1HJT, Silvano I2YSB, Vini IK2CIO, Angelo IK2CKR, Marcello IK2DIA, Stefano IK2HKT, Gino IK2RZP and Mac JA3USA. QSL I2YSB for direct QSLs and IK2CIO for bureau QSLs (no E-mail requests please). A OQRS will be available for direct cards only. Further information is available on their website at: www.i2ysb.com/idt/ [DX World]

22/02/2013: Look for Eric, T6M0, to be active from Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (22-24 February) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. Limited effort; mainly from sunset to 1730z. QSL via K9GY, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

22/02/2013: Yuki JA3VWT, Kunio JA1CJA, Kita JA3IVU, and Jun JH3AEF will once again be active as XT2VWT, XT2CJA, XT2IVU and XT2AEF, respectively, from Ouaga, Burkina Faso, between 22 February and 2 March 2013. They will be QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns. [DX World]

22/02/2013: John, K6AM, will once again be active from Savannah, Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA 1042), as ZF2AM for the CQWW 160-Meter SSB Contest (22-24 February). He plans a Single-Op/High-Power entry from CQ zone 8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

27/02/2013: Look for Lee, N8LJ (ex-T32LJ), to be active holiday style on the HF bands from Placencia village, Belize, between 27 February and 6 March 2013. QRV on HF bands. QSL via K8ESQ (QRZ.com). [DX World]

02/03/2013: Kim, OH6KZP, will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest as OH0X from Brando Island, Eastern Aland Islands (EU-002, WW Loc. KP00LJ) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via OH2TA. [NG3K]

02/03/2013: Eric, K9GY, will be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (2-3 March) as T6MO from Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Plans are for a Single-Op/Low-Power entry, mainly 20m (unless 15 and 10 open to USA). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

02/03/2013: Lou, W0FK, plans to activate Longboat Key (NA-034, USi FL053S, WW Loc. EL87QJ), Sarasota county, Florida, from 2-16 March 2013. Look for him on, or near, the usual island and IOTA frequencies on the HF bands. QSL direct or bureau to W0FK; LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

08/03/2013: Rick, KK4GV, plans holiday style activity from the island of Dominica (NA-101) as J79GV between 8-17 March 2013. QRV on the HF bands, propagation permitting. QSL via home call. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [DX World]

24/03/2013: Graham, MM0GHM, will be active mobile as MM0GHM/m from the isle of Barra (IOSA OH11, SCOTIA HI02, WLOTA 3126), Outer Hebrides (EU-010), between 24-29 March 2013. QRV on the HF bands, propagation allowing. QSL via home call, direct or RSGB bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

01/04/2013: Dirk, DL5DCL, will be active again from Ameland Island (EU-038, WLOTA 1059) as PA/DL5DCL beginning 1 April 2013. He will be on the air at irregular times, holiday style, for approximately five days on several HF bands, CW only. Online log search and OQRS will be available during and after this trip, together with a new high quality QSL card style. QSL via DL5DCL bureau or direct and via OQRS. Website: www.dl5dcl.de/ [rsgbiota.org]

05/04/2013: Rob, N7QT, will be heading back to the island of Saint Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA 1336) on a suitcase mini-DXpedition. We will be operating from 5-16 April 2013 using the new CrankIR portable antenna system from SteppIR (www.stepper.com/). The operators will be Frans, J69DS and Rob, J6/N7QT. Their operational base will be a magnificent villa located in Babonneau, which overlooks Gros Isle and Cap Estate. Their goal is to demonstrate "ultralite" DXpeditions into magnificent "vista" locations. Operations will include field portable radio, battery only using backpack/lightweight antennas. They will be operating 80m-10m using CW, SSB, and RTTY or PSK, as well as field portable (battery only) either from St. Lucia beaches or scenic mountain tops. During field portable operations, they will sign their calls /p. QSL information: J6/N7QT - via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to his home (SASE required!). J69DS only accepts direct with SASE, NO bureau! [DX World]

08/04/2013: Kazik, SP6AXW and Janusz, SP9FIH will be active as PJ4/homecalls from the island of Bonaire (SA-006, WWFF PAFF-024, WLOTA 1279) between 8-20 April 2013. QRV on the HF bands, holiday style. For further information, QSL routes, online log and more, visit: www.pj4-dxpedition.com [DX World]

10/05/2013: Operators Teo SV1GRM, George SV1RP, John SV1GYG, John SV1GE and Takis SV2FWV will be active from the island of Kalolimnos (EU-001, GIOTA DKS-048, MIA MGD-011, WLOTA 0662) between 10-20 May 2013. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via SV1GRM. [rsgbiota.org]

18/05/2013: A non-stop castle activity for the Belgium Castle Award is planned on Saturday 18 May 12:00 UTC till Monday 20 May 14:00 UTC 2013. Members of UBA section ODE will activate Castle De Ghellinck (BCA OV-032, WCA ON-00364) on all HF bands SSB and CW, also on 2m FM, using the call OT7G/p. The castle located in Elsegem (WW Loc. J010ST), Oost Vlaanderen province, goes back to the 16th

century and became the property of the family De Ghellinck around 1718. Although the castle was surrounded with water, it was not really fortified. As so many castles, it was pillaged during the French revolution. In the 19th century there have been many structural alterations. During both World Wars there was a lot of damage. After the Second World War the castle wasn't used any more and in 1973 the whole building burned down. The community of Wortegem Petegem obtained the castle and the park. The remaining buildings are being restored, but financial problems slow down the project. QSL manager ON5MA via the bureau. [UBA HF News]

24/05/2013: Operators Philippe ON4ACP, Erik ON4ANN, Jose ON4CAU, Erik ON4CCV, Walter ON8CW, Cedric ON4CKM, Rudi ON6MI, Marc ON4CJY and Patrick ON4DCU will be active as MJ/ON6NB from St. Brelade, Isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818, WW Loc. IN89VE), between the 24th till 30th May 2013. The aim is to be QRV on 2M, 6M, from 10m to 160m, SSB and CW, PSK with an emphasis on the higher bands, conditions permitting. QSL via ON4ANN, direct or bureau and OQRS. Online log will be hosted by ClubLog. Further information on their website at: users.telenet.be/on4ann/MJ/index.html [NG3K]

14/06/2013: Dave, W9DR, has planned a 6 Metre DXpedition to the north shore of the island of Anegada (WW Loc. FK78TR), in the British Virgin Islands (NA-023), and will use the callsign VP2V/W9DR from 14-28 June 2013. He will be QRV on 50.115 Mhz SSB and 50.115,6 Mhz CW. Dave will also be running a beacon on 50.115,6 MHz when the band is not open. Please submit confirmation request (QSL) to W9DR home address (QRZ.com). Website: www.qrz.com/db/W9DR [DX World]

23/07/2013: Rich, M5RIC, will be active from the island of Zakynthos (EU-052, GIOTA INS-015, MIA MG-138, WLOTA 0209) as SV8/M5RIC from 23-30 July 2013. This will include a Single-Op/High-Power/Dxpedition entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (27-28 July). Outside the contest Rich will be QRV on 80-10 metre RTTY and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

24/07/2013: Operators ON2AV, ON4CEZ and ON7JA will activate the island of Brac (EU-016, ACIA IC-657, CIA-04, IOCA CI-010, MIA MC-042, WLOTA 0416), Croatia, between 24 July and 2 August 2013 as 9A/007T/p on all bands and modes. This will also include an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (27-28 July). 100% QSL via the bureau. No e-QSL. [rsgbiota.org]

02/08/2013: Members of the Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association (CAARA) will use the special callsign W1T to activate Thatcher Island (NA-148, USi MA001S, WLOTA 0924, WW Loc. FN41UR), in Essex county, Massachusetts, from 2-5 August 2013. They also plan to activate both lighthouses on the island: Thatcher Island South [Cape Ann] (ARLHS USA-105, TWLHD WLH K-031, Admiralty J0276) and Thatcher Island North (ARLHS USA-105, TWLHD WLH K-167, Admiralty J 0277). Operators include Rick WZ1B, Mary KB1TEO, Dave KD1NA, Allison N1QEH, Laurier AJ1Z and Ruth WW1N. QSL via W1GLO with SASE for hard copy; eQSL and LoTW for electronic loggings. Website: CAARA.net/ [rsgbiota.org]

17/08/2013: Dieter, DF2SD, will activate the island of Fano (EU-125, DIA NS-002, WWFF OZFF-004), holiday style, as OZ/DF2SD between 17-30 August 2013. He will be on the WARC bands only (20m, 17m, 12m), mainly RTTY with some SSB, for a few hours each day. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/df2sd [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

15/02/2013: The memorial stations EM70LI and EM70LL are activated by members of the Radio Club "Izyumsky Shlyakhov", Izyum, Kharkov oblast, Ukraine, between 1 February and 1 October 2013. Activity is to commemorate the 70th anniversary of

liberation (1943-2013). Further activities will be carried out from former battlegrounds as EM70LI/p and EM70LL/p. The Izyum area was the field of numerous battles during World War II. In January, 1942 the city was liberated by the Red Army forces but later in May, 1943 the city was attacked again and thousands of Russian soldiers and officers were boxed in by Nazi Germany army. The city was finally liberated in 1943. QSLs for EM70LI and EM70LI/p via UT3LI, direct only. QSLs for EM70LL and EM70LL/p via UX4LL, direct only. [DX Newsletter]

15/02/2013: The special event station GB80SC celebrates the 80th jubilee of the Scarborough Amateur Radio Society during the entire month of February 2013. QSLs will be sent via bureau automatically, you do not need to send your QSL. See also: g4bp.webs.com/ [DX Newsletter]

15/02/2013: Members of the Sportclub of the University Transilvania Brasov (Y06KSU, (www.csu.ro/)) will activate the special event station Y02013EYOWF between 15-24 February 2013. Activity is in celebration the European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (eyowf2013.ro/). Operations will be on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Three special awards will be issued (Gold, Silver and Bronze), and the three different classes require a certain number of QSOs/bands with the event station on different days. QSL via Y06MP. Further information on this event and relevant award can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/Y02013EYOWF [OPDX Bulletin]

15/02/2013: On the occasion of the 1700th anniversary of the Edict of Milan, the Radio Club "Rade Koncar", Nis, Serbia, will activate special event stations YU313EDICT and YU1700AST until 31 December 2013. QSLs via YU1AST. [DXNL]

16/02/2013: The special event station PD13BP active from 16-28 February 2013 celebrates the official Baden-Powell Day (22 February). On 16-17 February mainly Girl Guides take part in the "Thinking Day On The Air" (TDOTA) as the Boy Scouts have their Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) in October. QSL via PA3EFR, direct or bureau. [DX Newsletter]

16/02/2013: Taking part in the Chinese New Year Cultural and Heritage Celebration, special event callsign 9M4CNY will be active on 16 February 2013 from Penang Island (AS-073, WWFF 9MFF-016, WLOTA 2743), West Malaysia. Expect operations on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB, from 0700 to 1600 UTC. QSL direct to the qrz.com address. [425 DX News]

18/02/2013: ARI Sezione di Seina (I05AA) will be active as I05ANT during the 10th Antarctic Activity week (18-24 February), using the reference WAP-210, from the National Antarctic Museum, located in Seina, Regione Toscana, Italy. QSL via IW5EFX, bureau or direct (1 IRC). Please, NO e-QSL! Website: www.qrz.com/db/I05ANT [WAP]

18/02/2013: During the 10th Antarctic Activity Week, which will be held the week of 18-24 February 2013, will be in the air, as in previous years, Javi EC1KV, Dani EB1LA, Carri EA1CUB, Luis EA1CS, Juanjo EA1WX, Juan Carlos EA1AUM and Fernando EA1WK, with the special callsign A01ICE, from 160-10m, including WARC, SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. The reference will be WAP-233. As in previous years, we will upload the log each day to clublog and the website created for this activity. A special thanks to Tony EC7ZK for the design of the QSL, Vlad UA6JD for design at QRZ.com and Max IK8LOV for the logonline. QSL via EA1WK, direct, bureau and OQRS (Online QSL Request). Website: ea1wk.blogspot.com.es/2012/12/a01ice-10-antarctic-activity-week-wap.html [I1HYW]

18/02/2013: Manuel, EA1GIB, will use the special callsign EG1WAA from Galicia, Spain, between 18 February and 8 March 2013 for the 10th Antarctic Activity Week. The reference will be WAP-228. QSL via EA1GIB. [DX Newsletter]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

15/02-18/02 M5E: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G0CKV (d/B)
15/02-18/02 P40W: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL LoTW/W2GD (d)
15/02-22/03 PJ2/PA0VDV: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d/B)
15/02-18/02 VK4NM/P: Fraser Island WLOTA:2976 QSL M00X0
15/02-17/02 YB6AR/P: Palau Bunta WLOTA:2390 QSL H/c (d)
16/02-17/02 5B/UW2M: Cyprus Island WLOTA:0051 QSL US0LW (d)
16/02-17/02 9H3RX: Gozo Island WLOTA:0046 QSL DJ0IF (d/B)
16/02 9M4CNY: Pulau Penang WLOTA:2743 QSL QRZ.com
16/02-17/02 CR3A: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL OM2VL (d)
16/02-17/02 EF8USA: Isla de Tenerife WLOTA:1276 QSL W2GR (d)
16/02-22/03 FG/F6ITD: La Desirade WLOTA:1121 QSL H/c (d/B)
16/02-17/02 GJ2A: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL LoTW
16/02-23/02 KG4KL: Guantanamo Bay WLOTA:0358 QSL KN4KL (d)
16/02-17/02 KP2M: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL AI4U (d)
16/02-17/02 KP2MM: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL LoTW/N2TTA (d)
16/02-17/02 KP3Z: Puerto Rico Island WLOTA:2802 QSL N4AO (d)
16/02-17/02 NH2T: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL W2YC (d)
16/02-17/02 T05X: Martinique Island WLOTA:1041 QSL R5GA (d)
16/02-17/02 VQ5RP: Grand Turk Island WLOTA:0289 QSL K0UU (d/B/LoTW)
16/02-17/02 ZF2AM: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL K6AM (d/B)
17/02-01/03 KG4WV: Guantanamo Bay WLOTA:0358 QSL W4WV (d)
17/02-03/03 T022C: Guadeloupe Island WLOTA:0644 QSL F6HMQ (d/B)
18/02-28/02 H44KW: Guadalcanal Island WLOTA:0086 QSL G3SWH (d/B/OQRS)
20/02-14/03 VP2MRS: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL KB8RJ (d)
20/02-14/03 VP2MUR: Montserrat Island WLOTA:1475 QSL KB8RJ (d)
20/02-24/02 XR2BH: Puerto Aldea WLOL:CHI-110 QSL CE2AA (d)
20/02-26/02 ZF2RW: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL WN3R (d)
21/02-24/02 CV5A: Flores Isl WLOL:CX-001 WLOL:URU-001 WLOTA:0528 QSL CX2ABC (d)
21/02-24/02 K6PV/6: Santa Catalina Island WLOTA:2912 QSL H/c (d)
22/02-24/02 ZF2AM: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL K6AM (d/B)

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6 METRES & UP -

19/02 LY 1.3GHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
19/02 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest S0/M0/Open 1800z-2200z
19/02 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC S0 Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
20/02 SKCC Straight Key Sprint 6m class 0000z-0200z
20/02-21/03 V47JA: St. Kitts NA-104 Grid:FK87PG 6m SSB 500W QSL W5JON (d)
21/02-24/02 CV5A: Isla de Flores SA-030 Grid:GF25AB 6m QSL CX2ABC (d)
21/02-06/03 XT2TT: Burkina Faso Grid:IK92FI 50105/CW 50125/SSB QSL IK2CIO (B)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_feb.html

G0T6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N80FS at:
<http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt> (Updated 12 February 2013)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

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QSL INFORMATION -

The following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

Z81A and Z81D - Republic of South Sudan
Current operations commencing 2012.

If you've had cards declined (except LoTW applications) please send an e-mail to bmoore at arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update.

73 es DX!

Bill Moore NC1L

Awards Branch Manager

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week

QSLs via Direct: 2012L (GW1FKY), 3C0C (EA5BYP), 5T0SP (SP6FXY/OQRS), 5U5U (QRZ.com), 9M2/JA1PVI (H/c), CP6XE (IK6SNR), ES9C (ES5RY), IS0/K7QB (H/c), KP2/NM20 (H/c), LR5H (LU3HKA), OD5NJ (EA5BYP), RI0FM [AS-149] (R3BY), T30PY (OQRS), T88CP (JA6UBY), UA0QBA [AS-028] (EW4DX), V5/DL3DXX (OQRS), V63XG (JA1XGI), V84SMD (IK2VUC), VP2EKG (cba), W8XGI/KH2 (JA1XGI) and YB3GXS (cba).

QSLs via LoTW: 3B9SP, 5X8C, C6ABB, CT1FIU, NH0Z, PY0F/PP1CZ, RI1FJA and TZ6BB.

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LINKS -

IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/

USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/

WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html

WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/

WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air) at: www.wlota.com/

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BITS & PIECES -

KH8 - AMERICAN SAMOA

The 19-28 March 2013 activity by Bill, N6MW, as KH8/homecall from Tutuila Island, American Samoa, has been postponed indefinitely. [NG3K]

LZ, BULGARIA

The Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) is going to remember a saint with a special call every month this year:

LZ1771SDG January 1 - 31, 2013 [Saint Martyr Damaskin Gabrovski]

LZ969SCP February 1 - 28, 2013 [Saint Tzar Petyr]

LZ1323SKZ March 1 - 31, 2013 [Saint Kozma Zografski]

LZ833MBB April 1 - 30, 2013 [Saint Martyr Knyaz Boyan Bylgarski]

LZ1876SMB May 1 - 31, 2013 [Saint Martyrs of Batak]

LZ1534GWS June 1 - 30, 2013 [Saint Martyr Georgi Sofiiski the Latest]

LZ1722SN July 1 - 31, 2013 [Saint Nikodim]

LZ1105PIO August 1 - 31, 2013 [Saint Reverend Ioakim Osogovski]

LZ1406SK September 1 - 30, 2013 [Saint Kiprian]

LZ1795WZM October 1 - 31 2013 [Saint Great Martyr Zlata Myglenska]

LZ1520YYD November 1 - 31, 2013 [Saint Martyrs Yakov, Yakov and Dionisii]

LZ867MWB December 1 - 31, 2013 [Saint Mihail Voin]

A special award is available as well (www.balkanclub.org/awards.htm).

Each station counts for the "All Bulgarian Saints" award and is worth 10 points each towards the "St. Teodosii Tyrnovski" award.

QSLs via bureau or direct to LZ1KCP.

New Free RSGB Newsletter

The RSGB should be publishing the first edition of a new free email newsletter in the coming week.

Written by RadCom author Steve Nichols, G0KYA, subjects covered in the opening issue will include Using the QSL Bureau, Morse code, PSK31 and WSPR.

Although aimed at beginners it is anticipated many experienced radio amateurs will find something of interest in the newsletter.

You can sign up for your free copy of "Getting Started" at:

www.rsgb.org/gettingstarted

TA - TURKEY

TC16BURSA will be active until 19 March 2013 in Bursa, Turkey. It is operated by members of local branch of the Turkish Radio Amateur Club. QSL as directed on the air. [GB2RS]

YB - IOTA EXPEDITION

John, YB5NOF has plans to be active from three YB-IOTA groups in May, June & July this year.

Although plans are still at the tentative stage, he hopes to be active, along with 1 or 2 other operators, from the following groups:

Banggai Island OC-208 (late April/early May) - will apply for YE8B callsign.

Subi Besar Islands OC-109 (June) - will apply for YE5S callsign.

Tambelan Islands OC-122 (July/IOTA contest) - will apply for YE5T callsign.

More to follow.. [DX World]

ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CW CONTEST

The following stations have announced their participation in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February, 2013):

3D2RX Rotuma (OC-060) M/S QSL W7YAQ (d)

3V8BB Tunisia SOABHP QSL LX1N0 (d)

5B/UW2M Cyprus SOABHP QSL US0LW (d)

5C5T Morocco M/S-LP QSL EA5YU (d/B)

6Y2T Jamaica SOABHP QSL VE3DZ (d/B)

9H3RX Malta SOAB QSL DJ0IF (d/B)

C6AKQ Bahamas SOSB(?m) QSL N4BP (d)

C6APG Bahamas SOSB160m QSL K4PG (d)

C6ASP Bahamas SOSB(?m) QSL W6KW (d)

C6AZZ Bahamas SOSB-20m-LP QSL KQ8Z (d)

CR3A Madeira M/S QSL OM2VL (d)

E71A Bosnia & Herzegovina SOABHP QSL Direct

EF8USA Canary Islands SOABHP QSL W2GR (d)

ES95Q Estonia SOABLP QSL ES5RY (d)

F6K0P France M/S-HP QSL (B)

FY5KE French Guiana SOSB-20m-HP QSL d/B

GJ2A Jersey SOAB QSL LoTW

HC1/W00R Ecuador SOLP QSL H/c (d)

HC2/RC5A Ecuador SOABLP QSL H/c (d/B)

IR1Y Italy M/S QSL Direct

J88DR St. Vincent SOABLP QSL G3TBK (d/B)

KP2M Virgin Islands M/S QSL AI4U (d)

KP2MM Virgin Islands SOAB QSL N2TTA (d)

KP3Z Puerto Rico M/S QSL N4A0 (d) [Los Chachos Contest Club]

LU1DZ Argentina M/S QSL Direct/e-QSL

LX7I Luxembourg M/S QSL LX2A (d/B)

M5E England M/? QSL G0CKV (d)

NH2T Guam SOAB QSL LoTW

P40W Aruba SOAB QSL LoTW

PJ2T Curacao M/? QSL W3HNK (d)
RI1FJ Franz Josef Land SOLP QSL UA2FM (d/B)
T46T Cuba M/S or M/2 QSL RZ3EC (d)
T6LG Afghanistan SOAB QSL LZ1ZF (d)
T6MO Afghanistan SOLP QSL K9GY (d/B)
TI5W Costa Rica M/2 QSL N3YIM (d)
T05X Martinique SOABHP QSL RG5A (d)
V31TP Belize M/S QSL WC0W (d)
VP2ME Montserrat SOAB QSL AA4NC (d)
VP9/W6PH Bermuda SOABLP QSL H/c (d)
VQ5RP Turks & Caicos SOAB QSL K0UU (d/B)
WA2USA/4 U.S.A. (Florida) SOAB QSL H/c (d/B)
Z37M Macedonia M/S QSL LoTW
ZF2AM Cayman Islands SOABHP QSL K6AM (d/B)

(d) = Direct; (B) = Bureau; (d/B) = Direct or Bureau.

Be sure to check Bill's (NG3K) website for updated ARRL DX CW Contest information at: ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2013.html Good luck to all participants & have fun!

73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ

Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: <http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/>

DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more

Subscribe to ICPO Mailing List: <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo>

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World Lighthouses On The Air - WLOTA

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All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG

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